Inclusion and deletion of castes in SC list

*156. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure being followed by Government to delete castes from the existing list of Scheduled Castes (SC);

(b) whether any caste can be included in the Sceduled Castes' list, without the recommendation of the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of cases pending for inclusion of new castes into the list of Scheduled Castes; and

(e) the time-frame fixed for taking a decision in all these cases?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (e) In accordance with the Modalities, the proposals of the State Government/ Union Territory Administration for any modification in the list of Scheduled Castes is reffered to the Registrar General of India (RGI). The proposals agreed to by the RGI are further referred to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).

Such proposals as have been agreed to by the RGI and NCSC are processed further and introduced as a Bill for consideration of the parliament. Presently three proposals for inclusion as new entries are in the consultation process. It is not possible to specify a time frame.

Underground cabling in Goa

*157. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide funds for underground cabling work for power transmission in Goa;

(b) the towns proposed to be covered; and

(c) the details of quantum of financial aid likely to be made available to the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Three is no proposal to provide funds for underground cabling work for power transmission in Goa. However, Government of India has sanctioned projects for underground cabling work for power sub-transmission in Goa under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). Out of the six proposals for conversion of overhead network to underground network in Panjim, Margao, Mapusa, Vasco, Ponda Towns and in North & South Goa submitted by Government of Goa, the following schemes were approved by the Steering Committee constituted for consideration of APDRP Schemes:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount
1.	Conversion of overhead distribution network to underground network in Panjim Town	Rs. 35.47 corres